

AGENT REPORT

1. NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT

Arrest of Czech Refugees by
StB in the CSR

2. DATE SUBMITTED

30 July 1952

3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NO.

CIC Salzburg

Ref. No. S-14411 CET/par

4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

The following information was submitted to this Agent on 24 July 1952 by Informant 3784-T (Evaluation: "C"), who obtained the material from Jan KMEC, CSR refugee residing DP Camp 1001, Wels, Land Upper Austria, who in turn obtained the information from an unnamed Catholic priest who recently visited DP Camp 1001. (Evaluation: sub-Sources "F").

(Information: 3)

During the period of late June and early July 1952 the following named Czechoslovak refugees who had previously fled the CSR to the comparative safety of the US Zone of Austria were apprehended and arrested by the StB (STATNI BEZPECNOSTI - State Secret Security Corps) as they attempted to return to the CSR for unknown reasons.

Anton "Tono" CASTA

Peter PAVLOVIC

Oliver STANKOVSKY

Ernest STRECHANSKY or STRECANISKY

Alexander TIHLARIK

FILE CHECK:

AGENT REPORT, CIC, Sub-Detachment "A", dated 22 January 1952, (Ref. No. S-12348), Subject: "Czech Group Allegedly Working for US Intelligence Agencies", states that on 21 November 1951 Ernest STRECANISKY and Hugo SPICKA, CSR refugees, allegedly departed Salzburg for Germany where they were to work for a US intelligence agency.

AGENT REPORT, CIC, Sub-Detachment "A", dated 6 November 1952, (Ref. No. S-11754), Subject: "STRECHANSKY Ernest, Possible Czech Intelligence Personality", mentions that STRECANISKY as an employee of Radio Free Europe in Salzburg was asking suspicious questions of CSR refugees concerning their anti-Communist acquaintances. He was known to have exhibited considerable interest in the "White Legion", an anti-Communist organization comprised of Czechoslovak refugees, and the KOVANDA

NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT

5. TYPED NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT

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6. SIGNATURE OF SPECIAL AGENT

Clyde E. Taylor

EXEMPTIONS
(2)(A) Privacy
(2)(B) Methods/Sources
(2)(G) Foreign Relations

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Group, which allegedly gathers intelligence information for a
US agency in Germany (C-3)

AGENT REPORT, CIC, Sub-Detachment "B", dated 10 December
1951, (Ref. No. L-24652), Subject: "Radio Free Europe - Theft
of Documents", discloses that one (fnu) STRECKANSKY, who had
been employed by RFE as a secretary, allegedly confiscated
some confidential documents from the RFE office in Salzburg.

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AGENT REPORT, CIC, Sub-Detachment "B", dated 31 January
1952, (Ref. No. L-25214), Subject: "Robert VALUCH - Representa-
tive of Radio Free Europe in Salzburg, Austria", reports in-
formation furnished by Alexander TIHLARIK, CSR refugee residing
in Salzburg, to the effect that VALUCH is engaged in illegal
activities in the Salzburg area.

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USFA Information Report, 7669 MIS Sub-Detachment "B",
dated 14 June 1951, Subject: "TIHLARIK, Alexander, born 26
February 1933 in Borsky Svaty Jur, CSR", states that TIHLARIK
arrived illegally in Austria from the CSR on 4 June 1951.

TWX MIS and CIC, Vienna to MIS and CIC, Linz and Salzburg,
dated 25 July 1951, (Ref. No. 251505), lists Peter PAVLOVIC as
a partially processed Slovak refugee sent to the US Zone of
Austria on 25 July 1951.

AGENT REPORT, CIC, Sub-Detachment "A", dated 4 April 1952,
(Ref. No. S-13029), Subject: "Slovaks Allegedly Operating on
Behalf of the RIS in Austria", states that Oliver STANKOVSKY
is allegedly in the employ of one Ernest STRECKANSKY and is paid
2,000 Schilling as well as room and board.

USFA Information Report, 7669 MIS Detachment, dated 13
December 1951, (Ref. No. S-9997-51), states that Oliver
STANKOVSKY, born 14 April 1930 in Zahorska Bystrica, Bratislava,
CSR, arrived illegally in Austria in September 1951.

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USFA Information Report, 7669 MIS, Sub-Detachment "A",
dated 23 January 1952, (Ref. No. S-1021-52), reports that one
Jan KMEC, Slovak refugee born 12 August 1918 in Stara Lubovna,
Jarabina, CSR, arrived illegally in Austria on 16 January 1952.

AGENT'S NOTES:

The above information is submitted because the Undersigned
believes that if the five named refugees have actually been
intercepted by Czech authorities they will, after debriefing
the men, attempt to trade them their freedom in exchange for
their acceptance to work as Czech intelligence operatives in
the US Zone of Austria. In the event that any of the above-
mentioned personalities appear in Salzburg they will be sub-
jected to a detailed interrogation in an effort to prove or
disprove whether they are actually operating for the CIS.

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